



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
PACIFIC AIR FORCES

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL KADENA AIR BASE PERSONNEL

FROM: 18 WG/CC

SUBJECT: General Order Number 3 - Order Prohibiting Use of Spice & *Salvia Divinorum*

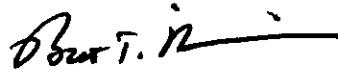
1. I am concerned with reports that members of the Kadena Air Base community are abusing Spice, a mixture of medicinal herbs that causes decreased motor function, loss of concentration, and impairment of short-term memory. Although Spice is marketed in several mixture variants, recent testing by the USDEA of two variants confiscated by US Customs and Border Patrol indicates that the psychoactive effects are caused by the presence of HU-210. HU-210 is a synthetic cannabinoid that has the potential to be as much as 800 times more potent than marijuana. HU-210 is listed as a Schedule I controlled substance under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA), which means that the drug has a high potential for abuse and has no currently acceptable medical use in treatment in the United States.
2. I am also concerned with reports that members of the Kadena Air Base community are abusing *Salvia divinorum* (Salvia) an herb that causes hallucinations, changes in perception, body or object distortion, loss of coordination, dizziness and other psychological and physical effects. The ingredient in Salvia believed to be responsible for these psychoactive effects is salvinorin A. In high dosages, it can cause unconsciousness and short term-memory loss. Although not listed under the CSA, the USA Drug Enforcement Administration lists *Salvia divinorum* and salvinorin A as Drugs and Chemicals of Concern. The Japanese Pharmaceutical Affairs law lists Salvia as a "Designated Substance" and expressly prohibits the manufacture, importation, sale, or supply of Salvia except in circumstances where it is medically prescribed.
3. The use of Spice and Salvia by members of the Kadena Air Base community directly compromises the safety, welfare, security, and good order and discipline of the community, contradicts the nature of our profession of arms and is inconsistent with Department of Defense and Air Force regulations (DoDD 1010.4; AFI 36-3208; and AFI 44-121). Further, this type of drug abuse has the potential to endanger the life of the individual user as well as the lives of other members of the community, and could seriously undermine our mission.
4. Based on the significant risks to the health, welfare and good order and discipline of the community, and the associated threat to mission accomplishment and national security, and pursuant to my authority as the Special Court Martial Convening Authority, I issue the following order:

All Kadena Air Base military personnel (permanent party and temporary duty, including those assigned to tenant organizations), SOFA status dependents, DoD civilians, DoD-invited contractors, as well as visitors to the installation are

prohibited from inhaling, smoking, chewing, consuming, introducing into the body in any manner, possessing, distributing, or purchasing Spice, *Salvia Divinorum*, or salvinorin A in any form. This order also applies to those individuals assigned to or located on any other facility over which I have control or jurisdiction.

Failure to obey this order constitutes a violation of Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice, and may result in disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and/or administrative action, including loss of security clearance, demotion and/or discharge from the United States Air Force. Should any part of this Order be rendered or declared invalid, such invalidation of such part or portion of this Order should not invalidate the remaining portions thereof, and they shall remain in full force and effect.

5. This Order revokes and supersedes General Order #3 (dated 8 Sep 06) and General Order #4 (dated 22 Jan 09).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brett T. Williams", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

BRETT T. WILLIAMS
Brigadier General, USAF
Commander